

CHILDREN'S AND FAMILIES' WORK

This news sheet is to bring you the important updates to the Children's and Families' Work this term. If you are new to church then please make yourself known to the welcome team and they will help you find the right group. There are lots of fun things planned and we would love you to join in and grow in faith!

9:30 @ ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

3rd September	Children's groups are back!
10th September	Children's groups
17th September	Children's groups
24th September	Children's groups
1st October	All Age Worship
8th October	Children's groups - <i>Shoebox day</i>
15th October	Children's groups - harvest!
22nd October	Children's groups (Half term)
29th October	Children's groups
5th November	All Age Worship
12th November	Children's groups
19th November	Children's groups
26th November	Children's groups
3rd December	All Age Worship
10th December	Last week of Children's groups
17th December	Family Carols @10am



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September–December Autumn Term 2017

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To join a group just show up and speak to a leader! Feel free to stay and see what it is like. Each group has welcome information and leaders will help you settle in.

Youth If you are aged 11-18 you are not forgotten! Pathfinders for years 7-9 runs on Friday evenings from 7:00pm and Sunday mornings at St Andrew's. If you're in years 10-13 SAYGO will be happening on Sunday evenings at 8pm. Contact Chris Aiken on chris.aiken@standrewsoxford.org for more details.

REGISTRATION

We are required to have a new registration form every year for each child and young person in our care. These are available from Lesley, group leaders or the welcome desk. You can also download them from the website. We create an email list to keep in touch with you about events, venue changes, where help is needed etc...

LEARNING

Each term our school aged groups follow a Click unit (Click is published by The Good Book Company and is based on the kids@church programme from CEP Australia.)

Scramblers

Unit 12 Like Father, like Son - from Psalms to John

Climbers and Pioneers

Unit 12 Splendour to captivity - God's people after David

Explorers and Trekkers

Unit 11 God's people under God's rule in God's land (1 & 2 Samuel)

Evening Trekkers

Unit 8 God's people in exile; Isaiah's promises and their fulfilment

Our pre-school children use Tiddlywinks materials focusing on a favourite Bible story each week.

Leaders are very happy to tell you about this in more detail, please ask.

WHICH GROUP AM I IN?

9:30am Groups for Children

Group and leader	How old?	Where do we go?
Crèche Jayne Joyce	0 - 3+	Crèche Room
Ramblers John & Helen Lowe	3s - 4s (Nursery)	Prayer Room
Scramblers Sandra Eldred	4s - 5s (Reception)	Small Meeting Room upstairs
Climbers & Pioneers Anne Maxfield	5s - 7s (Year 1 & 2)	Large Meeting Room upstairs
Explorers & Trekkers Lesley Dentry	7s - 11s (Years 3 - 6)	Hall downstairs

11:15am group for children

Sarah Sellars	Under 7s	Crèche Room
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6:00pm group for children

Andy Pritchard	7s - 11s (Years 3 - 6)	Large Meeting Room upstairs
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Our main provision for children each Sunday is centred around our 9:30am service with groups for children each week except the first Sunday of the month when we meet together for All Age Worship. Our All Age Worship services are looking at Paul and the spread of the gospel this year and these promise to be a good place for the whole family to worship together!

At our 11:15am service a small group is running for those who enjoy this style of worship. Currently it caters for children under 7 and will run every week. The 6pm provision is primarily for children with a sport commitment that keeps them busy in the morning but any child in School Year 3 to 6 is welcome. This group runs every week except 22nd October which is half term.

NEWS AND DATES

Sunday 8th October—Oxford Half Marathon

Jelly Baby day!!

Please bring a bag of jelly babies to hand out to runners, after coffee time, as they run along Charlbury Road (we stand at the corner with Linton Road.)

Bright Party - Tuesday 31st October

Our event for families to gather at church in the evening as a positive alternative to Halloween with games, activities, food and competitions. Hope you can join us from 4:30pm–6:30pm



Christmas Fair - Saturday 25th November

Open 1:00pm–4:00pm Exhibitions, activities, games, stalls and afternoon tea... fun for all ages and open to church family, community and friends.

Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox Appeal

This year we are collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child again – this is a way to involve children in mission and raise awareness of others beyond our church community. We plan to have a special Sunday group week on 8th October, to start the project, and aim to send everyone home with a box—you don't have to find one! You can bring a completed box to church before 9th November or you can create one online: www.samaritans-purse.org.uk

Christmas Services

Sunday 17th December - Family Carols 10am

Sunday 24th December - 10am service and Crib Service 4pm

Sunday 25th December - Family Service 9:30am

Sunday 31st December - Festival Service for Families 10am

TREKKERS' CLUBNITE

Clubnites are monthly social events that are open to Sunday Trekkers (School year 5 and 6) and their friends. We have fun, food, friendship and explore faith together.

*We meet 6:45pm-8:45pm @church to eat **pizza**, play **games** and generally have a **fantastic** time hanging out and chatting. Bring **£2** for the pizza and drinks/activities plus an extra **50p** if you would like to buy anything from our **amazing** tuck shop.*

*Friday 29th September -
Pirate Game*

*Friday 20th October -
Bright Wide Game*

*Friday 24th November
Christmas Party*

INCLUSION

We welcome all children to the groups we run at St Andrew's regardless of their needs and abilities. We seek to work in partnership with parents so that we can care for the whole family as part of our church community. Let us know what you need and we'll be happy to help.

BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We meet on Tuesdays and Wednesday at church from 10am. We will be back after the holidays from 12th/13th September and will run through to 5th/6th December. The only exception is 24th/25th October when it is half term.

This is a great place to make friends, get to know people locally, make Christ known and drink coffee!



MONDAY MUMS

We start again on Monday 11th September and run throughout the school term. Join us each Monday to think about life with God - whether you are wanting to explore faith-issues more gently, or study the Bible deeply, there is a group for you. We begin with coffee and cake at 9.30 and end at 11.30. Children of pre-school age are well looked after in the crèche (though we totally understand if they need to stay with you).

COFFEE STOP

These are a chance for Sunday groups to gather for coffee and cake after a Sunday service... a networking opportunity for whole families with activities for children, a safe space and chairs for grown ups!

Sunday 10th September - crèche, in the crèche!

Sunday 8th October - Ramblers/Scramblers

Sunday 12th November - Climbers/Pioneers

Sunday 10th December - Explorers/Trekkers

We'll meet in the Large Meeting Room upstairs - please bring some cake to share and the drinks will be provided.



Please pray for:

The children to grow in faith and make good friendships at church

The leaders who make Sunday Groups safe, fun and happy each week and share their love and knowledge of Jesus

The church Fair in November –that many people come and each generation can join in

The wonderful space on site to use for all our groups and activities!

Volunteer training and development of groups and leadership

Successful growth in the volunteer team

The growth of our Sunday evening provision for sporty kids

Guardians of Ancora Holiday Club 2017 follow up over the next few months

New families as they settle into Oxford and St Andrew's